

Chaplain's Office, Prison Visit Programme
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Orientation to Chaplaincy's Prison Visit Programme

1. The programme runs Tuesday's from 2 - 4 pm. We meet at Annex Z (2090 Mackay) at 1 pm. Autumn 1991 dates: Sept. 24 - Nov. 12.
2. The programme is open to Concordia students and anyone else accepted by the chaplains. All participants must be 18 years of age or older and be willing to submit their names to a security check.
3. For the sake of continuity and in respect of the inmates we ask participants to try to commit to an entire semester's sessions. This is not a requirement - we simply ask that, as best as possible, you try to make that commitment.
4. For the protection of participants we ask that a number of safeguards be observed.
 - a) First names are used only - do not volunteer your last name, nor give it if asked.
 - b) Do not give out personal information such as address, where and when you work, etc.
 - c) If you wish to correspond with an inmate it should be done through Chaplaincy and we will pass letters on to you. Ask us for details if needed.
 - d) Be aware of how you dress - remember you are visiting young men locked up for long periods of time with no female companionship.
5. If an inmate's behaviour is unacceptable during one of our visits he will not be allowed to continue. The same is true of the members of our student group. Simple, respectful, sober behaviour is expected from the members of both groups.
6. If an inmate behaves inappropriately please report it to one of the chaplains immediately so that the situation can be dealt with.

None of these safeguards are meant to stifle an informal, relaxed and free exchange between students and inmates. They are suggested to protect the student from unsolicited and unwelcome contact with former inmates on the outside. What you do as free and responsible adults is, however, up to you.